Foodgrains production

1804. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of foodgrains during 1986-87, 1987-88; and

(b) the per capita daily availability of foodgrains (in grams) year-wise during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The total production of foodgrains during 1986-87 and 1987-88 was 143.42 and 138.41 million tonnes respectively.

(b) The per capita net availability of foodgrains during 1986, 1987 and 1988 was provisionally estimated as 476.1; 472.1 and 441.4 grams per day respectively.

Allegations of malpractices and irregularity against Manager (P&A) N. C. C. F.

1805. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2674 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd December, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the said officer has since been indicated by the Central Vigilance Commission for committing irregularity in making appointments of 300 persons and for owning property and assets disproportionate to his known source of income, and

(b) if so, what are the reasons to give undue protection to this officer and instead of taking any disciplinary action against him?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The enquiry report against the Manager (P&A) has shown him *prima-facie* responsible for certain irregularities in making appointments while the allegations regarding owning of assets disproportionate to his sources of income were not established. On the basis of the advice of the Central Vigilance Commission major penalty proceedings are being initiated against him .

Fertilizers production target

1806. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target for production of fertilizers for the current year;

(b) whether the target is likely to be achieved; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) The targets fixed for production of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers in terms of nutrients during the current year 1988-89 are 64.00 lakh tonnes and 22.00 lakh tonnes respectively.

(b) Keeping in view the trends of production so far, the targets are likely to be achieved.

(c) Does not arise.